THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. In pursuance to the National Common Minimum Programme (NCMP), a Group of Ministers (GoM) was constituted to examine the issue of affirmative action, including reservation in private sector, and to initiate a dialogue with industry to see how best the private sector can fulfil the aspirations of youth belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. The GoM discussed the matter with the four apex Industry Associations and also obtained the opinions of three legal luminaries. The Governments' efforts have resulted in a qualitative change in the attitude of the private sector. They have for the first time accepted that social circumstances shape merit. Two major Industrial associations *viz.* CII and ASSOCHAM have also proposed concrete steps for SCs and STs in the form of scholarships, entrepreneurship development, skill development etc.

Outcome of negotiations for reservation in private sector

2543. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the outcome of negotiations by the Ministry with private sector managers about reservation for weaker sections in the private sector;

(b) the names of the companies which have given positive response to the Ministry;

(c) the names of the companies which are not positive for the policy of affirmative action; and

(d) how the Ministry is going to proceed in this matter, which is being discussed for the last one year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (d) In pursuance of the National Common Minimum Programme (NCMP), a Group of Ministers (GoM) was constituted to examine the issue of affirmative action, including reservation in private sector, and to initiate a dialogue with industry to see how best the private sector can fulfil the aspirations of youth belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. The GoM discussed the matter with the four major Industry Associations namely Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), Confederation of Indian Industry (CII),

Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) and PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The industry associations are in favour of affirmative action but not in favour of reservation. However, the Governments' efforts have resulted in a qualitative change in the attitude of the private sector. They have for the first time accepted that social circumstances shape merit. Two major industrial associations CII and ASSOCHAM have also proposed concrete steps for SCs and STs in the form of scholarships, entrepreneurship development, skill development etc.

Schemes implemented in Goa

2544. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any scheme(s) of the Ministry are in force in Goa;

(b) if so, the names of the scheme(s) and the essential features thereof; and

(c) the financial assistance, if any, granted to the State under each of the scheme(s) in the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (c) Scheme-wise details of grant released to State of Goa during the last five years is given in the Statement.

Statement

Scheme-wise details of grant-in-aid released to the State of Goa during the last five years

Name of the Scheme	Details of the Scheme	Grant-in-aid released (Rs. in lakhs)				
		2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Scheme for Prevention of Alcoholism and Substance (Drugs) Abuse	The scheme aims at providing a whole range of services including awareness generation, identification, treatment, education, after care, rehabilitation and social integration of alcoholics and drug addicts through voluntary organizations	14.36	8.21	10.29	4.99	8.46